

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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AQ 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

JAN 14 2020

for the

David J. Bradley, Clerk

Southern District of Texas

United States of America

v.

ARMANDO AREBALO

USC

YOB: 1988

Case No.

M-20-0086-M

Defendant(s)

SEALED

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of December 6, 2018 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

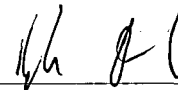
Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment "A"

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Approved:

Robert Williams, ASST
1/14/2020

Complainant's signature

Kyle O'Neal, Special Agent - FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

January 14, 2020
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Judge's signature

City and state:

McAllen, Texas

Peter E. Ormsby, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Attachment "A"

Affidavit in Support of Complaint

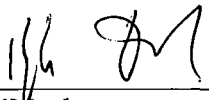
I, Kyle O'Neal, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

1. On December 6, 2018, a Confidential Informant (CI) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted a controlled purchase of approximately 867 grams of methamphetamine from ARMANDO AREBALO (hereinafter "AREBALO") in McAllen, Texas. AREBALO arrived at 721 N McColl Rd in a Kia sedan with another male passenger. AREBALO exited the vehicle carrying a black box and entered the vehicle of the FBI CI. The FBI CI paid AREBALO \$5,000 in exchange for the methamphetamine after which AREBALO returned to his vehicle and departed the location.

2. The methamphetamine was recovered and transported to the McAllen FBI office where it was weighed in the original packaging and entered into evidence. The methamphetamine was sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) South Central Laboratory in Dallas, Texas. The laboratory confirmed the presence of methamphetamine with a purity of 93%.

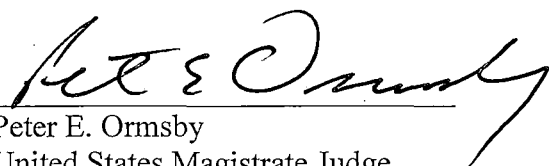
3. AREBALO is a known "Loco 13" gang member who had been released on bond for state capital murder charges at the time of the narcotics sale. AREBALO stated to the CI that if he did not get enough money to pay for his lawyer, then he would flee in order to avoid his pending charge.

4. Based on the aforementioned factual information, your Affiant respectfully submits that AREBALO did commit a violation of Title 21, United States Code Section 841(a)(1).



Kyle O'Neal
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, 2020.



Peter E. Ormsby
United States Magistrate Judge